

EFSA STAKEHOLDER FORUM 2025

**Advancing risk
assessment together:
faster delivery,
uncompromised safety**

Brussels, 24 November 2025



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PROGRAMME OF THE DAY

8:30 - 9:30	Registration and welcome coffee
9:30 - 10:05	Welcome and opening session
10:05 - 10:30	Keynote speeches
10:30 - 11:00	Coffee break
11:00 - 12:15	Panel discussion: Uncompromised food safety as a support to EU competitiveness
12:15 - 12:30	Bridge session: from dialogue to action
12:30 - 14:00	Networking lunch
14:00 - 15:30	Breakout sessions
15:30 - 16:00	Coffee break
16:00 - 17:00	Closing plenary
17:00 - 18:30	Networking cocktail
18:30	Stakeholder Forum closes



A black and white portrait of Barbara Gallani, a woman with dark hair pulled back, wearing a dark blazer over a black top. She is smiling slightly and looking towards the camera.

WELCOME

BARBARA GALLANI

Head of ENGAGE department
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2025 EUROBAROMETER

KEY INSIGHTS ON FOOD SAFETY IN THE EU

Most important factors when buying food



Source: EFSA's special Eurobarometer 103.3 - Food Safety in the EU

Awareness of food safety topics



71%

Additives used in food or drinks



67%

Pesticide residues in food



65%

Diseases found in animals



64%

Antibiotic, hormone or steroid residues in meat



63%

Microplastics found in food

Source: EFSA's special Eurobarometer 103.3 - Food Safety in the EU

2025 EUROBAROMETER

Awareness of food safety topics



Very high



High



Medium



Low



Very low

Source: EFSA's special Eurobarometer 103.3 - Food Safety in the EU

SHAPING



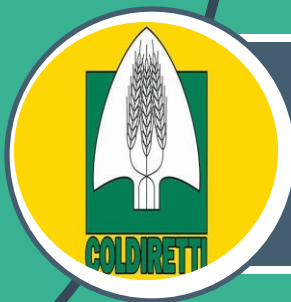
THE RA DIALOGUE



"To reach the correct balance between simplification and consumer protection, the precautionary principle should remain the cornerstone of EU decision-making when regulating food and feed."



"We are concerned about ongoing challenges with EFSA's performance and timeliness which increasingly discourages many businesses from entering the EU market. Efficient and operational risk assessment processes are crucial to support the uptake of innovation" -
Open Letter of Business and Agri-Food Industry stakeholders



"A change of pace is needed in the evaluation and approval for consumption of cell-based foods to protect citizens' health with clinical and pre-clinical medical studies that can provide greater safety. More medical science, more research, a stronger role for EFSA #facciamoluce."

STAKEHOLDER VOICES





OPENING STATEMENT

NIKOLAUS KRIZ

Executive Director
EFSA

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INNOVATION



SPEED



**JOINING
FORCES**

OUR PRIORITIES – 3 PILLARS FOR PERFORMANCE





KEYNOTE SPEECH

RICARD RAMÓN

Head of «Policy Perspectives» Unit, DG AGRI,
European Commission



KEYNOTE SPEECH

ASTRID SOFIE VESTERGAARD NIELSEN

Food Attaché, Permanent Representation of Denmark
to the EU

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COFFEE - TEA BREAK



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PANEL DISCUSSION



KLAUS BEREND Director for Food Safety, Sustainability and Innovation, DG SANTE



AGUSTÍN REYNA Director General, BEUC



ANGELIKI LYSIMACHOU Head of Science and Policy, PAN Europe



MAX SCHULMAN Senior Advisor, Copa-Cogeca



CLAIRE SKENTELBERY Director General, EuropaBio

UNCOMPROMISED FOOD SAFETY AS A SUPPORT TO EU COMPETITIVENESS





BRIDGE SESSION

**NIKOLAUS
KRIZ**

**BARBARA
GALLANI**



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AFTERNOON AGENDA

14.00 - 15.30

Thematic breakout sessions

Breakout 1

Guidance documents as enabler for competitiveness

Breakout 2

Unlocking the potential of data

Breakout 3

Preparedness: timely sharing knowledge on innovative products

15:30 - 16:00

Coffee break

16:00 - 17:00

Closing plenary

17:00 - 18:30

Networking cocktail

NETWORKING LUNCH



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CLOSING PLENARY

ROSE O'DONOVAN
Moderator

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LAURENT OGER, EACL



KINGA ADAMASZWILI, EDA



SAMUELE TONELLO, BEUC



AIVARS BĒRZIŅŠ, Chair of EFSA
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NIKOLAUS KRIZ, EFSA Executive
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